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As a professional in the computer industry, I have watched for many years how Microsoft's anti-competitive practices have damaged the industry. Microsoft has demonstrated that it will not compete fairly on cost, on packaging/bundling, or on agreements or relationships. This is not an advantage to the end user. Despite the facade of change, the actual rate of change is less, and the small companies or competitors who induce change are bought out or swept away. The only actual competitor appears to be the open-source/Linux environment, and this is because the cost can be ruled out.

Do not hand Microsoft an easy victory, which would be given to them if they only receive a slap on the wrist. They need to be reined in and controlled, much as any other monopoly has been handled in the past.

Thank You,

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